



WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 4 1901

THE REPUBLICANS in the House lost no time in their premeditated attempt to minimize the strength of the South in Congress, for on Monday the opening day, Mr. Moody, of Massachusetts, introduced the following joint resolution.

"That a select committee of three members, to be appointed by the Speaker, to investigate and report whether, at the congressional election in Louisiana, the rights of any of the male inhabitants of that State were abridged or denied; whether, if the right of any person to vote was denied or abridged, the members from Louisiana so chosen are entitled to their seats; and whether Congress should enact further legislation to carry out the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the United States Constitution."

Republican Senators considered the rearrangement of committees and in view of the increase of their majority in the Senate they decided to reduce democratic representation on the various committees and correspondingly add to the republican representation. There is understood to be a combined effort on the part of the republicans to reduce the representation in the House of the southern States which have restricted the negro vote. Louisiana is selected because the present delegation is the first one to be elected under one of the new constitutions of the southern States whose suffrage clauses disfranchise negroes. With the Reed rules in the House and the decided republican majority in the Senate, closure will surely be attempted in the latter body, and then will the republicans run things to suit themselves.

THE following paragraph from the President's message will be considered by the Filipinos as the same of cold irony:

"History may safely be challenged to show a single instance in which a masterful race such as ours, having been forced by the exigencies of war to take possession of an alien land, has behaved to its inhabitants with the disinterested zeal for their progress that our people have shown in the Philippines. To leave the island at this time would mean that they would fall into a welter of murderous anarchy. Such desertion of duty on our part would be a crime against humanity."

In this connection it may be added that while the President's message was being read in Congress the following dispatch was received in Washington from Manila:

"General Smith, of the American troops, in Samar, has temporarily refused the request of General Lukban, commander of the rebels in the island, to open negotiations for surrender. Smith sent word that the time for negotiations was passed."

NOTWITHSTANDING Secretary Root made the declaration that official interference in the coming elections in Cuba would not be tolerated, Eusebio Hernandez, president of the democratic party in that island, has sent to Secretary Root another message saying, "Under the present arrangements interference is inevitable, as all members of the central canvassing board are candidates for office and are also members of the executive committee of Senator Thomas Estrada Palma. Both high and low officials are openly working in the interests of Senator Palma, who is said to have the support of the United States government."

A delegation representing Gen. Maso will shortly leave Havana for Washington to submit these facts to the administration and to suggest certain changes to insure fair elections, but this government does not want Maso to be elected and the Cubans will have only their trouble for their pains.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT in his message says: "We do not wish to see any old world military power grow up on this continent, or to be compelled to become a military power ourselves. Those who do not believe that this has already become a mighty power should simply read the statement of the expenses of maintaining the army and navy."

IN THE HOUSE Mr. Kitchen of North Carolina has introduced a bill for a constitutional amendment repealing the Fifteenth amendment. The repeal of this amendment would simplify things wonderfully.

More reasonable people think that the civil war pension list is already sufficiently large, but a republican member of Congress on Monday introduced a bill to pension every man that ever entered the union army during the time of that war.

AMONG the bills introduced in the House on Monday was one by Mr. Sulzer, of New York, protesting against the conduct of the war in South Africa. This went into the hopper with the other three thousand bills introduced on that day and will be lost in the shuffle when it gets into the hands of the committee on rules. This country is not going to interfere with its "ally," England, in the Boer war, because England did not interfere with the United States in the Spanish war.

Those who were misguided enough to believe that Mr. Roosevelt was inimical to the

trusts, had their eyes opened wide when they read his message to Congress yesterday, for in that message he not only upholds the combinations but wants them further protected through the tariff laws, by which laws trusts live and have their being. He says: "Nothing could be more unwise than to disturb the business interests of the country by any general tariff change at this time."

FROM WASHINGTON.
(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette, Washington, December 4.)

Mr. Oley of Virginia has introduced in the House bills providing for the erection of a public building at Radford, Va., to revive the right of action under the captured and abandoned property acts; to restore in part proceeds from the sale of captured and abandoned property and for the relief of parties for property taken from them by military forces of the United States. Mr. Rixey introduced bills to increase the membership of the Court of Claims; to protect the monuments already erected in the battle fields of Bull Run, for the enlargement and improvement of the public building at Alexandria; also asking for estimates for the improvement of Aquia creek; for the relief of the trustees of Washington street Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Alexandria; for the relief of the trustees of the First Baptist Church of Alexandria; for the relief of Paris Simms; and for the relief of the vestry of St. Paul's Church, of Alexandria.

Congressman Babcock, of Wisconsin, derisively referred to by some of his republican colleagues as the "trust smasher," is still determined to earn the title. He has not yet introduced his measure looking to the removal of tariff duties from trust manufactured goods, but will do so as soon as he can. He said today, "I am determined to make the fight," he said today, "and I expect to find a good deal of support on the republican side. As far as I am concerned I would be just as well pleased if I didn't get back on the ways and means committee, for then I would be entirely free and unhindered in the fight. But if I am not put back, it will not be on personal grounds. It will be because I am representing a certain principle. And to fight a principle in that way would furnish a very dangerous precedent."

The action of President Huttin, of the Panama Company in going over the heads of the Isthmian Canal Commissioners who were especially appointed to deal with the matter and presenting to the President a proposition for the sale of the Panama property to the United States has caused considerable comment at the Capitol. Several Senators characterized it as a most ill-advised move. Members of Congress who had previously looked with some favor on the Panama proposition said today that they are now opposed to it because of the open activity of the French Government through its embassy here in trying to force a deal with this country. Senator Morgan and Representative Hepburn both said today that the now admitted interest and activity of the French embassy proved the correctness of their assertions that the French Government was interested in the Panama Canal and must be reckoned with.

Senator Martin called on the President yesterday to introduce Judge Griffin, a republican friend, who wants to be postmaster at an office in Rock County, Va. Mr. President said to Senator Martin, "I merely called to introduce my old friend, who wants to talk with you. I do not ask for anything for him. In fact, I do not think it is in good taste for democrats to try to advise a republican administration about appointments or anything else."

Senator Martin did not remain to listen to the talk Judge Griffin had with the President. The man who fills his fiancée without excellent reasons therefore may not receive a commission in the army of the United States with the consent of Secretary Root. The Secretary made the rule for his own guidance yesterday by deciding that he could not recommend Captain W. P. Crawford, of Chester, Pa., for appointment to a lieutenantancy in the 6th regular service because he refused to marry Miss Rebecca Douglas, of the same place, giving reasons which the Secretary decided did not justify the refusal.

A bill was introduced in the House yesterday by Representative Padgett, of Tennessee, to reimburse ex-Confederates for horses and side-arms taken from them by Federal troops in violation of the terms of surrender. This bill was passed by both houses at the last Congress, but for some reason President McKinley failed to sign it, and it never became a law.

The new Hay-Pauncefote treaty regarding the Isthmian canal was sent to the Senate today and was referred for consideration to the committee on Foreign Relations. The terms of the treaty have been heretofore made public. It abrogates the old Clayton-Bulwer treaty, gives the United States the right to absolutely own and control any canal that it may construct to unite the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; leaves to the United States the task of guaranteeing its neutrality without reference to other nations; and permits the United States to fortify the canal if it deems such a course necessary.

George W. Lieberth, of Kentucky, was today nominated by the President to be collector of internal revenue for the sixth district of Kentucky. A large number of recess appointments were also sent to the Senate. Among them was that of C. Knox, to be attorney general; William H. Hunt, to be governor of Porto Rico; Herbert H. D. Pelro, to be third assistant secretary of State; Wm. Dudley Foulke and William A. Rodenburg, to be civil service commissioners, together with many diplomatic and consular officers.

Congress General Dickinson cables the State department this morning from Constantinople that he has just received a report by special messenger that Miss Stone and Madame Talika are still held by the brigands in the woods of the Gultipe, Bulgaria.

The revision committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States convened in the Church of the Covenant this morning.

The factional fight among the St. Louis republicans was again in evidence at the White House today.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Count Boni de Castellane is being sued in Paris for debts amounting to \$400,000.

The loss in the recent fighting on the Isthmus of Panama is estimated at about 400.

Mr. Richard Crocker says he does not want leadership any longer, and that the head of Tammany should be a young man who can remain on the spot.

The edict of the Chinese Empress Dowager deposing the former heir apparent, the son of Prince Tuan, is considered strong proof of her leaning toward reform.

Representative Mudd, of Maryland, yesterday reintroduced in the House a bill providing for the construction of the Maryland and Delaware free ship canal to connect Delaware and Chesapeake Bays, to cost not to exceed \$10,000,000.

The ship Roanoke, which left Norfolk last June for Japan via Cape Horn, has arrived at Honolulu with her cargo on fire. The ship began to leak before she reached Cape Horn, and on November 2 the fire was discovered. She arrived at Honolulu on the 25th instant.

Booker T. Washington paid his dinner call on President Roosevelt yesterday. The President greeted him with cordiality, and had a long talk with him. The visitor is understood to have given his views on the appointment of a district attorney for the Northern District of Alabama.

Stripped of all, its masts helplessly sprung by a shifting, plunging cargo of oil tanks beating at its decks from below, the helpless bark Matanzas, Capt. Mowatt, was towed up the Delaware through the storm last night by the tug Sweepstakes. Her crew had had neither food nor fire for days and had faced death in many forms.

Representative Dick, of Ohio, has introduced a resolution for a general investigation of the denial or abridgment of the right to vote in certain States. The resolution recites that "It is a matter of common information and belief that the rights of some male citizens, being 21 years of age, to vote at elections is denied and abridged in certain States."

In the House of Representatives yesterday Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, offered a resolution of inquiry into the allegations that Admiral Sampson and Captain Crowninshield had approved of Macley's history in which he labeled Admiral Schley a "liar and a coward."

The resolution was approved by Captain Crowninshield and Admiral Sampson.

Mr. Hanna, in the Senate, and Mr. Taylor, in the House, will introduce bills to award a pension of \$5,000 a year to Mrs. McKinley. Similar pensions are being paid to Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Garfield. It is said friends of Mrs. Harrison will attempt to have the bill affecting Mrs. McKinley amended so as to confer the same benefits upon her.

When the bill granting a pension to Mrs. Garfield was reported from the Senate committee it was amended so as to include the names of the widows of President Polk and President Tyler.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. Thomas C. Valentine has been appointed by Judge J. E. Mason to be clerk of the Circuit Court of Caroline county, to succeed his father, the late Thomas W. Valentine.

In a special election in Richmond yesterday for a member of the constitutional convention to succeed Mr. Virginius Newton, the vote was very light. Major O'Wayne S. Allen was elected over Major A. S. Lasher by a vote of two to one.

At Manassas yesterday in the mayor's court the Southern Railway was charged with violation of a town ordinance in running at an unlawful rate of speed the train which killed John Colbert at a crossing about two weeks ago, but on motion of the company the warrant was dismissed.

C. Conway Baker, member of the House of Delegates from the district composed of Westmoreland and Northumberland counties, and Miss Rose Porter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Porter, both of Montrose, Westmoreland county, were married at Fredericksburg yesterday.

Mr. Landie Huff, a prominent citizen of Brunswick county, was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun while on a duck hunt on Roanoke river, a day or two ago. The unfortunate man for nearly a quarter of a century held an important and lucrative State office in Texas.

The statement that sufficient subscriptions to the necessary \$5,000,000 capital have been made to insure the establishment of the new shipyard at Sewalls Point is given out by Mr. C. W. Teabutt, one of the chief promoters. He returned to Norfolk from Pittsburgh and Wheeling, and declares that the concern is now an assured fact.

EXPERIENCE OF A STOWAWAY.—Johann Beck, the German housepainter who locked himself up in a box and sailed for this country as freight in the hold of the Hamburg-American liner Palatia, whence he was rescued after having spent sixteen days in and out of his box below hatches, recovered sufficiently yesterday afternoon to tell something of his trip. His experience is thrilling throughout. When Beck decided to come over here he spent what little money he had in fitting up the box with straw and burlap and putting in a supply of food. He then went to the office of the American Express Company and told the clerk that there was a box he wanted to send to America to the Palatia. Then he went home, got in the box, and waited the expressman's coming. He was almost stifled in the box, and while on the steamer had to break his way out. His sufferings from thirst and hunger were terrible, and he was compelled to fight continually for his life with rats which swarmed around and bit him.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Monday.—Norfolk and Western Railway Company vs. Pool's administrator. Argued and submitted.

Cheapeake and Ohio Railway Company vs. Walker and others. Argued and continued until Tuesday.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The General Assembly of Virginia met in Richmond today in biennial session. The democratic members of the Senate and House met in separate caucuses last night and nominated the following officers: In the Senate: Henry T. Wickham, president pro tem.; Joseph Burton, clerk; Frank E. Watkins, sergeant-at-arms, and S. M. Donald, doorkeeper.

In the House: John F. Ryan, of Loudoun, speaker; John W. Williams, of Giles, clerk; J. M. Johnson, sergeant-at-arms, and A. O. Sullivan, of Montgomery, doorkeeper, and P. E. Lipcomb, second doorkeeper. Mr. Lipcomb was opposed by George Hudson, of Rockbridge, but won with ease.

Judge William H. Mann was chosen chairman of the Senate caucus and Delegate W. H. Booz chairman of the House caucus.

Clerk Burton, of the Senate, announced the following appointments last night: T. A. Lynch, of Tazewell, first assistant; H. C. Mann, of Petersburg, second assistant; S. W. Niemeyer, of Portsmouth; Frank Maters, of Richmond; O. V. Stone, of Henry; Hart Jordan, of Halifax; and W. A. Parr, of Amherst, committee clerks.

There will be another caucus of the democratic convention on Thursday night to nominate candidates for Secretary of the Commonwealth, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Treasurer and Railroad Commissioner.

The republicans have three members in the Senate and nineteen in the House, which is a larger representation than that party has had in the latter branch for many years.

There is no doubt now, it would seem, that the legislature will take a recess, after electing those officers who must qualify on the 1st of January. Perhaps a few local bills will be passed.

The General Assembly will wait for the constitutional convention to complete its work. Nearly all the members of the legislature seem to think that this General Assembly will be called upon to pass such laws as may be necessary to put the new constitution into effect.

There are members of the convention, however, who are inclined to the opinion that a new legislature may be elected before the new constitution goes into effect.

One of the peculiar effects of an adjournment of the legislature before the first of next year, would be the inauguration of Governor Montague with the legislature not in session. There seems to be no legal requirement that the legislature should be in session when he is inaugurated, although it has generally been arranged with consideration of the fact, if the legislature is not in session, Governor Montague will embody in his inaugural address his views on several subjects which, perhaps, would be embraced in a special message if the body was to remain in active work. At the present juncture nothing is definitely decided upon, and the programme will be changed to suit the existing circumstances on January 1.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The Constitutional Convention yesterday declined to insert in the judiciary report a requirement that the judges of the Supreme Court give written reasons for refusing an appeal.

An amendment to Section 5, which provides that Supreme Court judges shall be elected for terms of twelve years by the legislature was opposed by Mr. O'Flaherty, delegating to the people the elective power.

An amendment of similar import, but modified form, was offered by Mr. Withers. Mr. Carter complied and Mr. Withers contended that it was the correct principle to elect judges as at present by the legislature. He thought to change the system would be to drag the judiciary into politics. Mr. O'Flaherty was recognized to speak for his amendment and had not concluded when the convention adjourned until today.

The convention adopted a resolution to meet today at 3 o'clock in order to let the hall be used by the House of Delegates which meets at noon.

This means that the convention and legislature will occupy the same building for the short time that latter body is expected to be in session; that the convention will meet in its hall during the morning hours, and the House will convene each day after the convention adjourns.

Mr. Glass continues indisposed and for the present, at least, the suffrage question will remain in statu quo.

RECEIVED HIS SUMMON.—Herbert Fairfax, a native of Prince Georges county, Md., at present employed in the banking house of Brown Brothers, New York, is the only American who has been honored by being summoned to attend the coronation of King Edward.

Mr. Fairfax's invitation takes the form of a command, he being the twelfth Lord Fairfax and a member of the English peerage. Mr. Fairfax will hardly go to England, however, as his doing so will involve him in considerable expense, the robes and coronet required by court etiquette being costly items.

We acknowledge the receipt of the Christmas number of the St. Nicholas Magazine from the Century Company, New York. It is a number that will be hailed with joy by children all over the world. The reading matter and illustrations are above even the high standard heretofore attained by the best of all magazines for young people with its interesting articles of fact and fiction, its reviews of the books and plays of the month, its special department for women, children, etc., and with good illustrations, the Home Magazine makes up an attractive whole. Its last edition has been received from its publishers in New York city.

The December number of Country Life in America has been received from its publishers in New York city. Noticeable among other interesting matter, are articles on Chesterbrook Stock Farm, a blue grass farm in the East. Storing and keeping fruits and vegetables; Notes from Wood and Fallow.

Winter Excursion Rates South. The Washington, Southern Railway Company announces the sale of winter excursion tickets at reduced rates to all the tourist points in the south, via Richmond, Va., Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway.

Washington Southern Railway Excursion Tickets to Charleston, S. C. Exposition excursion tickets to Charleston via Richmond on sale at Washington Southern Railway Station at reduced rates.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Legislature. Richmond, Va., Dec. 4.—The legislature was organized today by the election of the officers nominated in the democratic caucus last night. The republicans for the first time in years put up candidates in the House. The Governor's message was read in both houses. A resolution to enact no general or private legislation except what is absolutely necessary was offered and went over till tomorrow. A caucus will be held tomorrow night to nominate State officers.

The message was voluminous. It dealt with the finances of the State, taxation, schools, debts, fisheries, education, hospitals, colleges, penitentiary, repairs to the Capitol, the good order in the State, the military, State and national appropriations, transportation, adjutant general's office, agricultural department, Virginia and Tennessee boundary line, labor and industrial statistics Mount Vernon, primary elections, vacant judgeships, lands owned by the State, preservation of historic spots, the ter-centenary of the settlement of America, &c.

The Bonine Trial.

Washington, Dec. 4.—A report gained circulation today that Mrs. Bonine had received an offer from a New York theatrical manager to adopt the stage as a profession in the event of her acquittal. Her attorneys denied the report, and said that any such offer would be indignantly rejected, but the rumor is persistent.

Dr. Ruffin, who was on the stand yesterday when court adjourned, resumed his testimony this morning. He said he examined Mrs. Bonine's slipper, Ayres' undershirt, the carpet and one of the trunks in Ayres' room for evidence of blood. The presence of blood was discovered he said in the right sole of Mrs. Bonine's slipper. He made careful examination of the left slipper, but could not discover any trace of blood. He found bloody handprints on the window sill and concluded that the handprint had been made by the right hand.

Dr. H. D. Fry, a specialist in Gynecology, who followed Dr. Ruffin, testified to having examined the defendant for bruises while she was in jail one week after the death of Ayres. He found twelve lacerations on both legs, both hands and both arms, and gave it as his opinion that they could not have been caused by a descent or ascent of a fire escape, but had undoubtedly been received during a struggle.

Dr. C. K. Shute, visiting physician to the U. S. jail, testified to the bruises on Mrs. Bonine's body, and gave it as his opinion that they were all received during a struggle.

Foreign News.

London, Dec. 4.—Reuter's news agency brings a story from The Hague, which substantiates the dispatch sent on November 29, telling of trouble between Queen Wilhelmina and her consort, and of the duel between Prince Henry and Major Van der Smissen, adjutant of the royal household, as the result of intervention by the latter when the consort struck Wilhelmina. Reuter's story adds that a second duel has been fought by the consort with a gentleman of the court who also intervened during a royal quarrel.

Rome, Dec. 4.—The Pope has recommended to Mr. Sarretil, the newly appointed apostolic delegate extraordinary to the Philippines, that he receive the true catholic spirit in the island, acting always in accord with the American Government for the support of which the Pope says he can vouch.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Early this morning the staging in the Boulevard Theatre de Varieties fell during rehearsal of a scene showing a stairway on which were fifteen artists. Six of the artists were seriously injured.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—In the Reichstag today the national Liberal Herr Paschke, who spent considerable time in America during 1900 and 1901, made a speech on the new tariff bill. "The liberal views of President Roosevelt," he said, "would perhaps only cause a small reduction in the duties on the merchandise which America needs. Such a reduction is worthless. Therefore we must show our teeth to the Americans. An augmentation of the agrarian duties is necessary."

Worried of Money Making.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Tired of a business which pays \$500,000 a year, in profits, a firm of Chicago manufacturers will dissolve partnership January 1, content with the wealth they have acquired and determined to take a "vacation." This unusual action will be taken by Schwartz, Dupee & Co. probably the largest grain and stock commission house in the country. "Our firm has been in active business a long time, and two of us at least, want a vacation," said Mr. Dupee, a member of the firm. "I, for one, have been tied down to my work for twenty years, and I want a rest." The other members of the firm made similar statements.

Death of an Eminent Surgeon.

London, Dec. 4.—Sir William MacCormick, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, is dead. Sir William was born in Belfast January 17, 1838. He was one of the most eminent surgeons of his time. He was made a knight in the early eighties by Queen Victoria. Since 1897 he has been surgeon in ordinary to King Edward, then the Prince of Wales. Because of services to royalty and others in the different countries of Europe, Sir William was invested with many titles. He received orders from Germany, Italy, Sweden and Spain. MacCormick wrote several surgical works of world-wide note.

Enjoined the Bishop.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 4.—Bishop Bonacum, of this city, was enjoined yesterday by Judge Sorenson at Seward, Neb., from disseminating Father Murphy of church property until such time as an ecclesiastical order was received from Rome. For his refusal to relinquish his charge when ordered to do so, Father Murphy was excommunicated by Bishop Bonacum.

General Hazard Dead.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—General A. D. Hazen, ex-adjutant postmaster general, died at 10:30 o'clock last night at 1221 L street northwest. General Hazen had been in very poor health for the past three years. The immediate cause of his death is not known, but is supposed to have been a severe attack of nervous prostration. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 4 o'clock, after which the remains will be conveyed to Mount Bethel, Northampton county, Pa., for interment.

As the result of the explosion of a boiler this morning, part of the conservatory of the Capitol grounds in Harrisburg, Pa., was destroyed. Pieces of the boiler were hurled several squares, breaking glass in stores and private residences.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Hotel Burton, at Danville, was damaged by fire yesterday morning. Much alarm was caused among the guests. Two men were hurt.

Mr. George Webb, living near Exmore, was dangerously injured by the accidental discharge of his gun while duck hunting in Broadwater Bay recently.

Fire this morning destroyed the planing mill, dry-kiln containing 40,000 feet of lumber, and several small structures in the plant of W. J. Whitehurst, at the southeast corner of Tenth and Byrd streets in Richmond.

George Trone, a well-known financier, died at his home near Annetville, Pa., last night aged 92 years. He was president of the First National Bank of Gettysburg for over 35 years and when he resigned that office three years ago he was probably the oldest national bank president in the United States.

Nine cars of merchandise reduced to splinters, two locomotives demolished and a number of other cars damaged is the result of a head-on collision at full speed on the Pittsburgh Junction Railroad at Pittsburgh at 4 o'clock this morning. Four trainmen were injured.

Terry McGovern put a quail to the champion aspirations of Jack Donahue, of Philadelphia, at the Academy of Music in Reading, Pa., last night, knocking him out in the second round. Donahue was fifty pounds heavier than McGovern.

Mr. Rebecca Plittkin and Sarah Meselkoff were snatched by a crazed Jew in the Jewish section of Brooklyn last night. Jes. Cohen was found in a critical condition from the same cause and will die.

Senator Wellington, of Maryland, received news yesterday from the President of the Senate that his utterances at the time of President McKinley's death are said to have been the cause.

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS.—The Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia convened its annual session at the Masonic Temple in Richmond last night. Grand Master H. O. Kerns, of Pittsylvania, presiding, and all the Grand Lodge officers present. There were about three hundred representatives of the various lodges of the State present. Grand Master Kerns in his annual address gave an interesting review of the past year in the history of the craft and shows the order to be in excellent condition generally. A delegation of three past grand masters of the District of Columbia Grand Lodge headed by Past Grand Master Dingman, appeared before the Grand Lodge and presented on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the District, handsomely embroidered resolutions expressing appreciation of the honorable reception and entertainment of the District Masons by their Virginia brethren on the occasion of the centennial of Washington's death, celebrated at Alexandria two years ago. The resolutions are on vellum, and are a handsome specimen of engraved work. The resolutions were accepted with appropriate words by representatives of the Grand Lodge. The election of officers will take place this evening. It is thought the present incumbents will be re-elected.

COTTON PRICES JUMP.—Trading on the New York Cotton Exchange was convulsed yesterday by the publication at noon of the Government's estimate of a short cotton crop for the year. The figures were 9,874,000 bales, nearly 2,000,000 bales less than the trade generally expected. Cotton jumped \$2 a bale in as many minutes amid scenes of excitement rarely seen. Brokers fought with each other to cover short contracts, and the pit became a pandemonium for several minutes after the report was received.

For three hours thereafter the volume of business transacted was enormous. After the first sharp advance of nearly 40 points a slump developed, which carried prices nearly half the way back to the quotations prevailing before the figures were made known. Before the close, however, the loss was regained and prices were at their highest.

Missing Girl Arrested.—Norfolk, Va., Dec. 4.—Neil Crome, aged 18, who has been missing from his home in Elizabeth City, N. C., since November 21, was arrested in Washington, D. C., today and positively identified. He is being held for his father. The girl appeared in Wilson today with a man.

The Market.

Georgetown, Dec. 4.—Wheat 63¢ 7/2.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

New York, Dec. 4.—The early stock market, while somewhat irregular, was generally strong in tone. As a rule, however, advances in prices fell short of one per cent.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN ALEXANDRIA.

Flour Extra	2 75	3 15
Family	3 50	3 90
Fancy brand	4 00	4 90
Wheat, longberry	0 70	0 72
Mixed	0 68	0 70
Fruit	0 65	0 68
Onion	0 15	0 16
Damp and tough	0 62	0 65
Corn white	0 60	0 63
Mixed	0 60	0 63
Yellow	0 60	0 63
Corn Meal	0 65	0 68
Rye	0 45	0 50
Onion mixed	0 15	0 16
Onion white	0 48	0 50
Elgin Print Butter	0 23	0 24
Butter, Virginia, packed	0 16	0 17
Choice Virginia	0 16	0 18
Common to middling	0 10	0 12
Choice	0 25	0 26
Live Chickens (hens)	0 9	0 10
Spring do	0 10	0 11
Turkeys	0 9	0 10
Dressed Turkeys, drawn	0 10	0 11
" " undrawn	0 10	0 11
Dressed Chickens, drawn	0 10	0 11
" " undrawn	0 10	0 11
Apples	2 00	2 50
Potatoes, Va., bush	0 80	1 00
Sweet Potatoes, bbl.	1 50	2 00
Onions, per bushel	0 25	0 30
Chickens	0 5	0 6
Dried Cherries	0 12	0 12
Dried Apples	0 3	0 5
Bacon, country hams	0 12 1/2	0 12
Best sugar-cured hams	0 13 1/2	0 18